

Appln. No. 10/646,162  
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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 16 have been cancelled, and claims 17 and 18 have been added, and therefore only claims 17 and 18 remain pending. No claims have been withdrawn.

**Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action**

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fantom Orb Disk Drive.

Claim 6 has been cancelled and therefore it is submitted that the §103(a) rejection is moot.

New claim 17 requires, in part, "wherein the continuously illuminated condition of the indicator is interrupted in response to reception by the indicator of the activity signal, the indicator being extinguished when the activity signal is received by the indicator to thereby produce an intermittently illuminated condition indicative of a second periodic operating condition such that the indicator is extinguished in response to occurrence of the second periodic operating condition" and "wherein the first continuous operating condition consists of a power-on operating condition of the computer system, and the second periodic operating condition comprises input and output activity of a hard disk drive".

It is submitted that the Fantom Orb Disk Drive reference would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the applicant's claimed invention as defined in claim 6, especially with the requirements set forth above, and therefore it is submitted that claim 6 is allowable over the prior art.

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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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